

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE BIG LOTS, INC.  
SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION**

**Civil Actions 2:12-cv-445  
2:12-cv-447  
2:12-cv-509  
1:13-cv-753  
Judge Michael H. Watson  
Magistrate Judge Jolson**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Nominal Defendant Big Lots, Inc.’s Motion for Leave to File Motion to Dismiss Under Seal. (Doc. 92). As was previously explained in the Court’s April 21, 2017 status conference and Order (Doc. 88), the Sixth Circuit has set a heavy burden on the moving party to justify filing documents under seal. *See Shane Grp., Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan*, 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016) (“The burden of overcoming that presumption is borne by the party that seeks to seal them. The burden is a heavy one: Only the most compelling reasons can justify non-disclosure of judicial records.”) (internal citations and quotations omitted).

Consistent with the discussions and reasoning during that status conference though, the Motion for Leave to File Motion to Dismiss Under Seal (Doc. 92) is **GRANTED**. As was the case with the Special Litigation Committee Report, as this case moves forward, the parties are **DIRECTED** to move promptly to unseal any and all information that does not warrant under-seal treatment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: April 27, 2017

/s/ Kimberly A. Jolson  
KIMBERLY A. JOLSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE